

probably unexcelled in the state by reason of the fact that the school board bought the building and equipment of the Brigham Young College, converting it to the use of the high school. The entire cost of all the buildings was about \$429,000, while the equipment cost about \$65,000.

Mr. Petersen is a school man whose personal interests give him an unusual contact with all the varied program of the schools of which he is the head. He has always taken a great interest in the development of music in any school with which he has been connected, and while at the Jordan High School he directed the instrumental music. He also majored in art at the University of Utah and has shown some rare skill as a painter. The music department of the Logan High School has obtained statewide recognition. Mr. Petersen is a trustee of the Utah Education Association and has attended conventions of the National Education Association. He is president of the Kiwanis Club and on its board of directors, was a member of the stake presidency of his church at North Sanpete, and at Logan is a member of the Stake High Council. His hobby is ranching. He owns and has operated an 1100 acre ranch in Sanpete County.

He married, September 3, 1913, Miss Emily Andersen, of Provo, daughter of Peter E. and Sarah (Smyth) Andersen. Her father was born in England and came to Utah in the early '60s, and was distinguished among other things for his exceptional gifts as a musician. He composed a number of the hymns used by the Latter Day Saints Church. Her maternal grandfather, Adam Smyth, was also a great musician. He taught school for many years, and under his direction the Manti Temple Choir became one of the famous musical organizations in the West. He brought this choir to participate in the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. Mrs. Petersen was educated through the high school and the academic department of Brigham Young University, also graduated from the Musical Conservatory there, and is an active worker in her church, being a member of the Stake Primary Board. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have five children: Helen, born August 1, 1914; Delbert, born December 19, 1915; Eugene, born July 16, 1917; Evelyn, born January 19, 1920; and Miriam, born June 5, 1926.

✓ JOHN M. RITCHIE, a native son of Utah, prominent farmer and stock breeder of Wasatch County and bishop of the Charleston Ward of the Wasatch Stake, is a prominent representative of a family which has been identified with the civic, industrial and religious progress of this section of Utah since pioneer times.

Bishop Ritchie was born in the Heber community of Wasatch County, October 30, 1867, son of John and Sarah (McFee) Ritchie. His father came to Wasatch County in 1863, and from 1867 was a resident of the Charleston district. He was a hard worker, a high minded citizen, and lived to a very ripe old age, passing away at Charleston in February, 1932, in his eighty-ninth year.

The pioneer public schools of Wasatch County afforded John M. Ritchie his earlier education. Later he took the young men's course and the commercial course in Brigham Young University

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